

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 MEXICO 00900 01 OF 04 180126Z

ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 MCT-01 SY-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05

H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 CU-04 HEW-04 HA-05 OMB-01

TRSE-00 IO-13 AGRE-00 COME-00 CA-01 PPT-01 /096 W

-----036658 180204Z /41

R 180007Z JAN 78

FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7634

INFO ALL USCONS MEXICO POUCH

S E C R E T SECTION 01 OF 04 MEXICO 00900

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PORS, SHUM, MX

SUBJECT: VIOLENCE IN THE STATE OF OAXACA: SCENARIO OF
EVENTS, ANALYSIS, AND COMMENT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: RECENT CONFLICTS AND RESULTING VIOLENCE AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY IN OAXACA HAVE PROMPTED A REBIRTH OF THE CLANDESTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION UNION DEL PUEBLO, WHICH HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVER 15 BOMBINGS IN RECENT WEEKS IN OAXACA ALONE. THE UNIVERSITY CONFLICT REVOLVES AROUND CONTROL OF THE RECTORATE, WHICH HAS BEEN IN THE HANDS OF A LEFTIST COALITION SINCE LAST SPRING. THE COALITION HAS FRAGMENTED INTO TWO GROUPS, ONE DOMINATED BY LOCAL LEADERS OF THE MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCM) AND THE OTHER BY SUPPORTERS OF THE RECTOR, MARTINEZ SORIANO. THE OAXACA STATE GOVERNMENT, WITH THE BLESSING OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, HAS FORMED A TEMPORARY ALLIANCE WITH THE PCM IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION AT THE UNIVERSITY. MARTINEZ SORIANO'S FORCES ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBINGS, HAVE BEEN LARGELY DIS-

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MEXICO 00900 01 OF 04 180126Z

MEMBERED BY A COMBINATION OF POLICE ACTION AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE PCM AS THE DOMINANT VOICE OF THE UNIVERSITY. SHORT-TERM PROSPECTS ARE FOR STABILITY, WITH THE CONTINUED POSSIBILITY OF ISOLATED TERRORIST ACTS. IN THE LONGER TERM THE GOM'S PROSPECTS FOR MAINTAINING STABILITY WITHOUT GREATER USE OF REPRESSION ARE NOT SO ROSEY--MUCH DEPENDS UPON THE ATTITUDE AND STRENGTH OF THE PCM AND THE

GOM'S WILLINGNESS TO ALLOCATE MORE OF ITS SCARCE RESOURCES TO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE POVERTY-STRICKEN STATE OF OAXACA. END SUMMARY.

2. SCENARIO OF EVENTS. THE UNEASY PEACE THAT HAD PREVAILED AT THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY "BENITO JUAREZ" OF OAXACA (UABJ) SINCE THE ELECTION LAST SPRING OF MARTINEZ SORIANO AS RECTOR DISINTEGRATED EARLY IN DECEMBER WHEN THE COALITION OF LEFTIST FORCES BACKING MARTINEZ FELL APART VIOLENTLY. IN LATE NOVEMBER MARTINEZ AND THE PCM SPLIT. THE PCM CHARGED THAT MARTINEZ HAD DIVERTED FUNDS FROM THE UABJ BUDGET TO ARM HIS PERSONAL THUGS. FACULTY OPPOSED TO MARTINEZ AND LED BY THE LOCAL LEADERSHIP OF THE PCM FORMED A NEW GROUP CALLED THE COMISION COORDINADORA UNIVERSITARIA (CCU), WHICH WITHDREW ITS SUPPORT OF MARTINEZ' RECTORSHIP AND DEMANDED HE RESIGN. THE CCU HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE UABJ UNION OF ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES, FURTHER FRAGMENTING THE COALITION THAT HAD SUPPORTED MARTINEZ. IN PART AS A RESPONSE TO THE RENEWED TENSIONS AT UABJ, ON DECEMBER 4 AN ESTIMATED 20,000 MEXICAN TROOPS PARADED THROUGH OAXACA CITY IN A SHOW OF FORCE RELATED TO FIELD EXERCISES CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

3. ON DECEMBER 6 TWO STUDENTS WERE KILLED IN VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE CCU AND MARTINEZ GROUPS. ONE OF THE DEAD WAS A MEMBER OF THE PCM, AND ANOTHER MEMBER, A LEADER OF THE CCU, SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 MEXICO 00900 01 OF 04 180126Z

WAS MANHANDLED BY THE MARTINEZ GROUP THE SAME DAY. THE GOVERNOR OF OAXACA, GENERAL JIMENEZ RUIZ, THEN JOINED THE CCU IN DENOUNCING MARTINEZ AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD DELIVER THE UABJ'S STATE SUBSIDY TO THE CCU, RATHER THAN TO MARTINEZ. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION, FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ALSO ANNOUNCED IT WOULD DELIVER THE UABJ FEDERAL SUBSIDY TO THE CCU, LEAVING MARTINEZ AS A RECTOR WITHOUT A BUDGET.

4. MARTINEZ REJECTED THESE MOVES AND REFUSED TO ABANDON THE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES. TENSION MOUNTED AND ON DECEMBER 14 FEDERAL TROOPS OCCUPIED THE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE OCCUPATION DID NOT BRING A HALT TO THE VIOLENCE, AS SEVERAL STORES WERE BURNED BY ACTIVISTS. ON DECEMBER 23, IN THE HEIGHT OF OAXACA'S TOURIST SEASON, FIVE INCENDIARY BOMBS WERE IGNITED IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, CAUSING DAMAGES ESTIMATED AT \$2 MILLION US. NINE UNDETONATED BOMBS WERE FOUND THE SAME NIGHT. THREE DAYS LATER BOMBS WENT OFF IN TWO COMMERCIAL TRUCKS, CAUSING ANOTHER \$100,000 US OF DAMAGES. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED IN EITHER CASE.

THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION "UNION DEL PUEBLO" CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

5. THE POLICE ARRESTED OVER 50 "ACTIVISTS", INCLUDING MARTINEZ, WHO WAS LATER RELEASED. MARTINEZ' GROUP CONSEQUENTLY SENT A LIST OF SOME 50 "MISSING PERSONS" TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO. SINCE A FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE ORDERED A SEARCH OF OAXACA JAILS, MOST OF THE MISSING PEOPLE HAVE RESURFACED, SOME COMPLAINING OF TORTURE. ON DECEMBER 27 THE PRESS REPORTED THAT POLICE DISPLAYED TEN MEN AND WOMEN AS THE PRESUMED TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBINGS, ALL OF WHOM WERE VISIBLY BRUISED. A OAXACA JUDGE CHARGED WITH THE INVESTIGATION ADMITTED THAT POLICE HAD COMMITTED ARBITRARY ACTS AND VIOLATED CONSTITUTIONAL
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 MEXICO 00900 01 OF 04 180126Z

SECRET

NNN

SECRET

PAGE 01 MEXICO 00900 02 OF 04 180049Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 MCT-01 SY-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05
H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01
SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 CU-04 HEW-04 HA-05 OMB-01
TRSE-00 IO-13 AGRE-00 COME-00 CA-01 PPT-01 /096 W
-----036279 180204Z /41

R 180007Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7635
INFO ALL USCONS MEXICO POUCH

S E C R E T SECTION 02 OF 04 MEXICO 00900

RIGHTS, BUT EXCUSED THESE MEASURES AS NECESSARY TO AVOID MORE VIOLENCE.

6. SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN STATIONED AT BUS STATIONS, THE WATER, GAS AND ELECTRICITY FACILITIES, MASS COMMUNICATION CENTERS, HOSPITALS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AS WELL AS AT THE

UNIVERSITY. GOVERNOR JIMENEZ TOLD EMBOFF ON DECEMBER 28 THAT CALM HAD RETURNED TO OAXACA, AND INDEED, THE CITY APPEARED CALM EXCEPT FOR MILITARY PATROLS WHICH CIRCUITED THE CITY EACH HALF HOUR. UNDERNEATH THE FESTIVE APPEARANCE OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, MANY PEOPLE WERE STILL AFRAID, FEARFUL OF CONTINUED TERRORIST ACTS AND FEELING THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN TOURISM RESULTING FROM THE VIOLENCE. CERTAIN STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (BUT NOT THE GOVERNOR) AND LEADERS OF THE CCU HAVE BLAMED OAXACA'S UNREST ON "AGITATORS" FROM THE CIA AND THE "ROCKEFELLER ORGANIZATION."

7. ANALYSIS. THE GOVERNOR HAS CHOSEN TO HANDLE THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION AT UABJ BY FORGING A TEMPORARY ALLIANCE WITH THE PCM, THE MOST CONSERVATIVE OF MEXICO'S UNREGISTER-
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MEXICO 00900 02 OF 04 180049Z

ED LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTIES. THE STRANGE BEDFELLOW NATURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP IS COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE, GENERAL JIMENEZ, IS WELL KNOWN FOR THE SUCCESSFUL MILITARY CAMPAIGN HE LED IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO TO CRUSH LEFTIST GUERRILLAS IN THE STATE. THE GOVERNOR'S STRONG MILITARY AND ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY CREDENTIALS HAVE GIVEN HIM MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN THE PREVIOUS GOVERNOR HAD TO SETTLE THE CONFLICT. ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY CONSERVATIVE BUSINESS GROUPS, SO FAR THE SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE SUPPORTED HIS EFFORTS.

8. SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST BOMBINGS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN OAXACA CALLED FOR A GENERAL STRIKE TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNOR INTO TAKING ACTION AGAINST THE RADICAL GROUPS IN CONTROL OF UABJ. THE BUSINESS SECTOR'S TUNE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY AFTER A DELEGATION HEADED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OAXACA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MET WITH SECRETARY OF GOBERNACION REYES HEROLES AND WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO ON DECEMBER 19. THE CONFERENCE RESULTED IN STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNOR BY THE OAXACA CHAMBER OF CONGRESS. SANCHEZ MEJORADA, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION CONSEJO COORDINADOR EMPRESARIO, JOINED THE OAXACAN BUSINESSMEN IN PROCLAIMING THE SOLIDARITY OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

9. A GROUP OF OAXACAN BUSINESS LEADERS TOLD EMBOFF ON DECEMBER 29 THAT THEY WERE FAR FROM HAPPY WITH THE GOVERNOR AND HAD BEEN "FORCED" BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HALT THEIR ACTIVE OPPOSITION. THEY WOULD ONLY BE SATISFIED WITH A SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IF IT DICTATED THE CLOSING OF UABJ. AS A SOP TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ON DECEMBER 24 THE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED THE UNIVERSITY OF THE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 MEXICO 00900 02 OF 04 180049Z

SOUTHEAST, A PRIVATE INSTITUTION THAT HAD BEEN FOUNDED BY THE OAXACAN "PADRES DE FAMILIA" (CONSERVATIVE GROUP) AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO UABJ WHEN MARTINEZ WAS ELECTED RECTOR. BUSINESSMEN CLAIM THAT OVER TWO THIRDS OF THE FACULTY OF UABJ LEFT TO JOIN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHEAST, WHOSE ENROLLMENT NOW SUPPOSEDLY SURPASSES THAT OF THE UABJ.

10. WITH THE CONSERVATIVE FORCES EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED, THE GOVERNOR NOW FACES THE TRICKY SITUATION OF ARRIVING AT A COMPROMISE WITH THE COMMUNISTS, THE ONLY "REASONABLE" FORCES LEFT AT THE UNIVERSITY AFTER THE MASSIVE MIGRATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHEAST. ALTHOUGH MARTINEZ HAS SAID REPEATEDLY THAT HE WILL NOT RESIGN THE RECTORSHIP, ARRESTS AND DEFECTIONS TO THE CCU HAVE EFFECTIVELY CASTRATED HIS SUPPORT AND ELIMINATED THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS RETURN. WHILE THE POSSIBILITY OF ISOLATED TERRORIST ACTS REMAINS, REPORTS CIRCULATED TO THE AFFECT THAT HE HAD FORGED A POLITICALLY POWERFUL AND REVOLUTIONARY COALITION OF STUDENTS AND CAMPESINOS ARE UNTRUE. TWO OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN INSTITUTE (INI) BASED IN OAXACA TOLD EMBOFF THAT MARTINEZ HAD FOUND SUPPORT IN ONLY TWO COLLECTIVE FARMS (EJIDOS), WHICH AMOUNTED TO SOME 100 CAMPESINOS (PEASANTS).

11. AT STAKE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CCU IS THE CONTROL OF THE UABJ, THE MOST POWERFUL PROPAGANDA TOOL IN THE STATE OF OAXACA, ACCORDING TO OAXACAN SOURCES. FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN SPONSORING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE UNIVERSITY AS HE PREPARES A PROPOSAL TO REFORM THE ORGANIC LAW ESTABLISHING THE UABJ. THE GOVERNOR TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HOPES TO GET APPROVAL FOR A LAW THAT REDUCES THE POWER OF THE RECTOR, SETTING UP A UNIVERSITY

SECRET

NNN

SECRET

PAGE 01 MEXICO 00900 03 OF 04 180054Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 MCT-01 SY-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05
H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01
SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 CU-04 HEW-04 HA-05 OMB-01

TRSE-00 IO-13 AGRE-00 COME-00 CA-01 PPT-01 /096 W

-----036330 180205Z /41

R 180007Z JAN 78

FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7636

ALL USCONS MEXICO POUCH

S E C R E T SECTION 03 OF 04 MEXICO 00900

COUNCIL GOVERNED BY A PRESIDENT INSTEAD. MARTINEZ PUBLIC-
LY AND BUSINESSMEN PRIVATELY HAVE DENOUNCED THE HEARINGS
AS A SHAM. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE ADOPTED A WAIT-AND-SEE
ATTITUDE, UNDOUBTEDLY NEGOTIATING WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENT
DIRECTLY BEHIND THE SCENES. THEIR BIGGEST BARGAINING
TOOL IS STABILITY, WHICH THEY MAY OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO
GUARANTEE. MEANWHILE THE REOPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY HAS
BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY, AND TROOPS CONTINUE TO OCCUPY
ALL THE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS EXCEPT THAT IN CONTROL OF THE
CCU.

12. COMMENT: THE UNIVERSITY CONFLICT WAS THE FIRST IN A
SERIES OF TEST CASES THE LOPEZ PORTILLO GOVERNMENT HAS
HAD IN THE LAST MONTH IN DEALING WITH POLITICAL DISSENT
AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HAVE SPARKED
VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT OAXACA STATE, PUEBLA, AND MOST RE-
CENTLY HAVE CAUSED HEADLINES ABOUT RECENT EVENTS IN
TAMAULIPAS, AS DID THE SILENCING OF FEDERAL DEPUTY
MANZANILLA SHAFFER.

13. ANALYSIS POLITCIO, THE MONTHLY PBULICATION OF THE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MEXICO 00900 03 OF 04 180054Z

INSTITUTO MEXICANO DE ESTUDIOS POLITICOS, WHICH WAS AS-
SOCIATED WITH THE ECHEVERRISTA LEFT WING OF THE PRI, HAS
ESCRIBED OAXACA AS A "VIRGIN LAND" FOR NEW LEFTIST POLIT-
ICAL PARTIES. INDEED, OAXACA IS ONE OF THE POOREST STATES
IN MEXICO AND BOASTS A SKEWED DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME WITH
GREATER DISTORTION THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. IN 1970
ONLY 0.9 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S POPULATION HAD ANNUAL INCOME
OF GREATER THAN 5,000 PESOS (AT THAT TIME \$400 U. S.), A
SITUATION WHICH HAS MOST LIKELY WORSENED. THE PCM AND
THE PARTIDO SOCIALISTA DE TRABAJADORES (PST) HAVE BEEN
ACTIVE IN THE STATE WITH THE FORMER MAKING THE GREATER
NUMBER OF CONVERTS. NEITHER LEFTIST PARTY HAS SO FAR
BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN RECRUITING CAMPESINOS IN ANY SIGNIFI-
CANT NUMBERS, ALTHOUGH BOTH HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN AT-
TRACTING MIDDLE-CLASS STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY. CON-
FLICTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HAVE CENTERED ON DISPUTES

BETWEEN THE PRI AND THE THREE OTHER REGISTERED PARTIES.

14. THE GREAT FEAR OF BOTH THE OAXACAN BUSINESSMEN AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS THAT A LEFTIST PARTY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN ATTRACTING THE SUPPORT OF THE CAMPESINOS. WHEN REPORTS CIRCULATED THAT A CAMPESINO HAD BEEN SEEN DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS FOR THE UNION DEL PUEBLO TERRORIST GROUP, ALARM INCREASED AMONG THE LOCAL POPULATION. POLICE LATER DISCOUNTED THESE REPORTS AND PRISON OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF THAT ALL THE ALLEGED TERRORISTS ARRESTED WERE EITHER MIDDLE-CLASS STUDENTS OR FORMER STUDENTS.

SECRET

NNN

SECRET

PAGE 01 MEXICO 00900 04 OF 04 180101Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 MCT-01 SY-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05
H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01
SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 CU-04 HEW-04 HA-05 OMB-01
TRSE-00 IO-13 AGRE-00 COME-00 CA-01 PPT-01 /096 W
-----036379 180203Z /41

R 180007Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7637
ALL USCONS MEXICOPOUCH

S E C R E T SECTION 04 OF 04 MEXICO 00900

OFFICIALS OF INI DISMISSED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN CAMPESINO GROUPS AND EITHER THE PCM OR THE PST, SINCE THESE ORGANIZATIONS PRIMARILY HAD THEIR INTERESTS AT HEART, NOT THOSE OF THE CAMPESINOS. DESPITE ITS EVIDENT REMOTENESS, THE POSSIBILITY OF A REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN LEFTIST AGITATORS AND CAMPESINOS PRE-OCCUPIES MANY OAXEQUENOS, AS SEVERAL SOURCES REMINDED EMBOFF OF THE CAMPESINOS' ROLE IN THE 1910 MEXICAN REVOLUTION, WHEN ARMED CAMPESINOS DESCENDED FROM THE HILLS ON OAXACA CITY AND EASILY DISLODGED THE GOVERNMENT GARRISON, WHICH WAS "AS STRONG AS THE MILITARY PRESENCE TODAY," ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE.

15. GOVERNOR JIMENEZ RUIZ TOLD EMBOFF THAT OAXACA'S POLITICAL INSTABILITY WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR UNTIL THE STATE

DEVELOPS MORE ECONOMICALLY. HE PLEADED FOR GREATER INVESTMENT AND GUARANTEED A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR U. S. INVESTORS, SPECIFICALLY ASKING FOR THE CREATION OF IN-BOND INDUSTRIES THAT WOULD CAPITALIZE ON THE MANUAL DEXTERITY OF THE STATE'S INDIGENOUS POPULATION. OAXACA IS IN THE MIDST OF A DROUGHT THAT KILLED MOST OF THE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MEXICO 00900 04 OF 04 180101Z

STATE'S CORN PRODUCTION. INI OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF THAT SO MANY CAMPESINOS HAD MIGRATED TO MEXICO CITY OR CROSSED INTO THE U. S. ILLEGALLY THAT LANDS WERE BEING LEFT UNCULTIVATED FOR LACK OF MANUAL LABOR. INI IS PROMOTING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO KEEP THE CAMPESINOS ON THE LAND.

16. THE PRESENT POLITICAL CONFLICT HAS BROUGHT AT LEAST ONE BENEFIT TO OAXACA: GREATER ATTENTION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY, AGRICULTURE SECRETARY FRANCISCO MERINO RABAGO VISITED THE STATE AND PROMISED 410 MILLION PESOS (\$18.5 MILLION US) WORTH OF CREDIT ASSISTANCE TO CAMPESINOS AND SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS HARD HIT BY THE DROUGHT. FOR THE TIME BEING TOURISM HAS DROPPED PROBABLY BY 33-50 SINCE BEFORE THE BOMBINGS. (ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNOR INSISTED THE HOTELS WERE FULL, MANY PEOPLE WHO MADE RESERVATIONS CANCELLED THEIR TRIPS. HOTEL ROOMS AT OAXACA'S FINEST HOTELS WERE AVAILABLE ON JANUARY 1 AND THE CITY'S MAIN PLAZA, WHILE NOT DESERTED, WAS NOTABLY EMPTY COMPARED TO THE CROWD PRESENT LAST CHRISTMAS SEASON.) TOURISM MAY BE EXPECTED TO REBOUND BY THE NEXT BIG SEASON, EASTER, AS THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IN OAXACA RECOVERED LAST YEAR AFTER THE FIRST SERIOUS VIOLENCE FLARED AT THE UNIVERSITY IN FEBRUARY.

17. GENERAL JIMENEZ CAN BE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE GOVERNORSHIP, MUCH TO THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF OAXACAN BUSINESSMEN, BECAUSE HE HAS THE FULL BACKING OF THE MILITARY AND THE LOPEZ PORTILLO GOVERNMENT. WHILE SPORADIC TERRORIST ACTS COULD STILL OCCUR, THE GENERAL'S COALITION WITH THE CCU AND THE PCM COMBINED WITH HIS EXPEDIENT USE OF LIMITED REPRESSION THROUGH THE ARMY AND POLICE, SHOULD ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN STABILITY IN THE SHORT RUN, DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF THE MARTINEZ SORIANO
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 MEXICO 00900 04 OF 04 180101Z

GROUP.

18. AS FOR MIDTERM PROSPECTS, MUCH DEPENDS ON THE ATTITUDE

AND THE POWER OF THE PCM. PRESENTLY, THE PARTY IS EMPHASIZING ITS "RESPECTABILITY" TO QUELL OPPOSITION TO ITS REGISTRATION UNDER THE TERMS OF THE GOM'S NEW POLITICAL REFORM. WHETHER THE PRI'S TRADITIONAL TACTIC OF CO-OPTING THE LEFTIST OPPOSITION WILL WORK WITH THE PCM AFTER ITS REGISTRATION, HOWEVER, REMAINS TO BE SEEN, AS DOES THE PCM'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN ORDER AT UABJ. THE GOM MAY DETERMINE IT NECESSARY TO EMPLOY GREATER REPRESSION WITH ALL ITS CORRESPONDING NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES IF THE ALLIANCE WITH THE PCM PROVES TO BE A FAILURE. THE LONG TERM TINDERBOX CREATED BY THE DISPARITY BETWEEN WIDESPREAD POVERTY AND CONCENTRATION OF WEALTH WILL NOT BE DEFUSED UNLESS THE GOM DETERMINES IT POLITICALLY ESSENTIAL TO COMMIT A GREATER SHARE OF ITS LIMITED RESOURCES TO THE STATE. LUCEY

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MEXICO00900
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780025-0881
Format: TEL
From: MEXICO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780150/aaaabqcv.tel
Line Count: 455
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: ddb2cfe2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 9
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3756140
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VIOLENCE IN THE STATE OF OAXACA: SCENARIO OF EVENTS, ANALYSIS, AND COMMENT
TAGS: PINT, PORS, SHUM, MX, STATE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/ddb2cfe2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014